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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM

REF: STATE 173991

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM (REFTEL) TO DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AUG 10, IN ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS IN SYDNEY. I FORMALLY TRANSMITTED TEXT TO PRIME MINISTER IN LETTER DATED AUG 12.

2. I NOTE THAT REFTEL IS CLASSIFIED SECRET AND THAT THERE ARE NO INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING RELEASE OF THE STATEMENT. IN MY VIEW STATEMENT IS ELOQUENT ENDORSEMENT BY PRESIDENT FORD OF MAIN THEMES OF AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP, DOES NOT TOUCH ON SENSITIVE ISSUES, AND IS EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR RELEASE, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR CANBERRA. EMBASSY WOULD WISH FIRST TO CHECK WITH WHITLAM'S OFFICE AS COURTESY.

3. I RECOMMEND THAT PUBLIC RELEASE OF STATEMENT BE AUTHORIZED.
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